

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
TO SECSTATE WVSHDC IMMEDIATE 7610  
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE  
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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

WASHINGTON FOR THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, ASST. SECRETARY  
MOOSE AND NSC THORNTON AND RICHARDSON

LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM

MONROVIA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR LE MELLE

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

6. IT WOULD INCLUDE NIGERIA BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE AND POWER, ITS  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTEREST TO US AND OTHER AFRICANS, ITS  
ROLE AS THE PRINCIPAL AND MOST RESPONSIBLE ACTIVIST NATION OF  
WEST AFRICA, ITS POTENTIAL IN A RHODESIA SOLUTION, AND, OF  
COURSE, BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRIOR COMMITMENT TO A  
VISIT THERE.

7. LIBERIA WOULD BALANCE OFF NIGERIA IN WEST AFRICA. IT IS OUR  
MOST TRADITIONAL FRIEND THERE,  
IT PROVIDES US SOME UNIQUE ASSESTS,  
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AND WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO ALIENATE OUR SUPPORTERS AS WE  
SEEK TO WIN OVER OUR CRITICS. I ASSUME ALSO THAT LIBERIA VERY  
MUCH WANTS A VISIT AND A FAILURE TO OFFER ONE COULD HURT  
RELATIONS.

8. IN EAST AFRICA, KENYA IS THE OBVIOUS COUNTERPART OF LIBERIA  
(AND COUNTERPOISE TO TANZANIA). IT TOO IS A TRADITIONAL FRIEND  
WITH IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TIES WITH THE US. JOMO  
KENYATTA, ITS LEADER, IS A FIGURE OF WORLD RENOWN. IT HAS  
IMPORTANT CONCERNS ABOUT THE HORN, AN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE

CURRENT INTEREST TO US.

9. NIGERIA, LIBERIA, TANZANIA, KENYA, PROVIDE A CERTAIN  
SYMMETRY: EAST AND WEST, RADICAL AND CONSERVATIVE; OLD FRIENDS  
AND NEW COLLABORATORS; OVERNIGHT STOPS IN TWO; REFUELING OR  
LUNCH STOPS IN THE OTHER TWO. THIS FORMULA, HOWEVER, IGNORES  
FRANCOPHONE AFRICA, AND IT MAY BE THAT AN IDEAL VISIT SHOULD  
HAVE A STOP THERE. ON THIS WE HERE ARE MYOPIC, AND ARE HAPPY  
TO LEAVE THE PROS AND CONS TO OTHERS.  
SPAIN

SECRET

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